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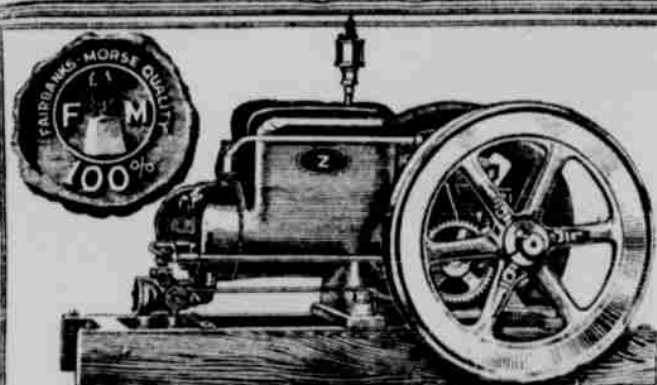
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## Americanism

By LEONARD WOOD

Yesterday the greatest question was decided which ever was debated in America; and a greater, perhaps, never was, nor will be decided among men. The resolution was passed without one dissenting colony that those united colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states. — John Adams: Letter to his wife.

Is there any one today ready to dispute John Adams' statement that the debate on the Declaration of Independence and its outcome decided the greatest question ever raised among men? A declaration of independence of whatever kind, provided human liberty is its basis, is a combination of Magna Charta and the Bill of Rights and all other documents containing the aspirations of a race struggling for freedom.

The first words of the Declaration of Independence of the American colonies were written in spirit at Runnymede. One of the seeming contradictions of history is that America's utterance of its right to freedom was made to the nation which had Magna Charta as its birthright. It takes the people of all countries a long time to realize that which they demand for themselves other men have an equal right to demand for themselves. This viewpoint today is established in its validity and there are few to deny its righteousness.

School children in America are taught United States history. The younger children get but an outline. Frequently in the high schools, academies and even in the colleges instruction in the spirit of Americanism is neglected. It is virtually impossible to learn the impelling motives for the Fathers' desire for a true Americanism unless their expressions on the subject in the great debates "in a time that tried men's souls" are read collectively and studiously.

There is in a sense a lesson in Americanism to be found in Washington. The British Embassy stands on Connecticut avenue. Almost directly in front of it is the statue of John Witherspoon, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence and one of the foremost defenders of American rights, and one of the early teachers of the true spirit of Americanization. Representatives of Great Britain today look unconcerned on the statue of this man of revolutionary day defiance. Time has wrought spiritual as well as material changes.

## Americanism

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We hold these truths to be self-evident—that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—The Declaration of Independence.

WHILE the Declaration of Independence says in effect that it is self-evident all men are created equal, the fact of the equality of men is, has been and always will be denied by those who have not the analytical ability to understand just what was meant by Jefferson when he wrote these words into the Declaration.

All Americans are equal before the law and as children of liberty they are brothers of a family none of whom has exclusive rights. It is the equality before the law, equality of opportunity and the equality of liberty that was in the mind of Jefferson.

It is possible, however, that Jefferson did not think on the matter of equal opportunities for all Americans when he set forth these self-evident truths, but that Americans are created to equal opportunities, is one of the supreme facts.

Americans are not all native born. The instant that a man of foreign birth comes to this country with the determination to become an American citizen he steps upon a plane of equality with every other American, native born or naturalized. But he must become an American in something more than name, and by so doing he becomes an inheritor by right of sonship of all that was promised by the writer of the Declaration of Independence, by the men who signed it and by the great document itself.

Politics, creed, race, whatever they may be, do not enter into the question, for Americanism is a thing apart from all three. What America asks of those who come to her from other lands is only that which she asks of those who claim her as their country by right of birth.

It has been held by some persons that there is not opportunity of equality in the United States. The commonest stories in our school books of American endeavor prove that opportunity comes to the man who asks it to be his guest and that it does not deny itself entrance into any home.

The future America depends upon its people. They "are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights," and among these are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Is there any right in the world more to be desired than that which gives to the man of proper living, liberty and that opportunity for a happiness which is the reward of his own labors?

#### Bananas.

The banana is a perennial herbaceous plant, growing from year to year from an underground root stock with a stem or stalk from 10 to 15 feet high above the ground. The plant has drooping leaves, but no branches like fruit trees of the north countries. Each stalk produces one large cluster of fruit. After fruiting, the stalk is cut down to the surface of the ground and grows up again from the root.

Mary Pickford in "Pollyanna"—Idlehour next Thursday and Friday.—adv.

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WE want to announce to the public that we have installed up-to-date machinery for the manufacture of all of our own Ice Cream and Candies. We use strictly high grade material and can guarantee the product absolutely clean, pure and wholesome. Three years of continued success in our Cafe has proven our ability to cater to public needs, and we shall continue the same first-class service in our new departure.

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Alma, Mich.

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**Tuesday, March 30**

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**HORSES**—Pair of bay geldings, seven and eight years old, weight 3400 lbs.; Brown mare, 8 yrs. old, weight 1600;

**CATTLE**—Red cow, 6 yrs. old, fresh 6 weeks; Red cow, 4 years old, fresh 4 weeks; Black cow, 3 yrs. old, fresh date of sale; Steer 8 mos. old; Guernsey bull, 2 yrs. old.

**HOGS**—13 shoats weight about 160 each

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**IMPLEMENTS**—Osborne binder, 6 ft. cut; Osborne side rake; Osborne hay loader; Oliver gang plow, Osborne 3-section drag; 3-section spike tooth harrow; Harrow cart; Deering mowing machine; Little Boy riding surface cultivator; Oliver walking plow; Bryan walking plow; Potato digger with hillier attachment; Heavy sleighs with log bunks; Heavy brass trimmed harness; 6 horse collars; Flat rack; Osborne rake loader; Sterling side rake; Surrey; Double driving harness; Several loads bean pods; Other articles not mentioned.

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